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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 19th March, 2015

Sub: Formation of Inter-Departmental Committee to consider cases of extension of Mining Leases under section 8(A) of MMDR Ordinance 2015.

No. 2507-IV(AB)SM-10/2010/SM.—Whereas, the Government of India Ministry of Mines under section 8(A) of MMDR Act as inserted by the MMDR Amendment Ordinance 2015 have made provisions for extension of Mining Leases. Whereas, it is necessary to adopt a coordinated and integrated approach for extension of mining leases and also to streamline the process of such extension, the State Government has been pleased to constitute a High Level Committee as follows:—

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| (i) | Development Commissioner- <i>cum</i> -Addl. Chief Secretary | - | Chairman |
| (ii) | Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department | - | Member |
| (iii) | Secretary to Government, Forest & Environment Department- | | Member |
| (iv) | Secretary to Government, Revenue & DM Department | - | Member |
| (v) | Secretary to Government, Law Department. | - | Member |
| (vi) | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha | - | Member |
| (vii) | Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Odisha | - | Member |
| (viii) | Director, Environment, Forest & Environment Department- | | Member |
| (ix) | Director of Mines, Odisha | - | Member |
| (x) | Director of Geology, Odisha | - | Member |
| (xi) | Member Secretary, Odisha State Pollution Control Board- | | Member |
| (xii) | Chief Executive Officer, ORSAC | - | Member |
| (xiii) | Special/ Additional/ Joint Secretary, Steel & Mines Dept. | - | Member |
| | | | Convener |

2. All proposals for extension of mining leases under section 8(A) shall be placed by the Steel & Mines Department before this Committee for their examination including review

of availability or otherwise of all the statutory clearances under different laws applicable for the purpose. The proposals for extension of mining leases shall be put up by the Steel & Mines Department, along with the recommendations of the Committee, before the State Government for approval under the provisions of MM (DR) Act, 1957 and the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 or otherwise.

3. The modalities for the working of the Committee and the frequency of sittings may be decided by the Committee. The Committee may also invite any officials or expert(s) having knowledge on mining, forest, environment wildlife and other related matters to assist the Committee.

4. The notification No-7415/SM., dated the 9th December, 2012 on formation of Inter-Departmental Committee to consider the cases of renewal of mining leases stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

By Order of the Governor

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